



THE GREASBROUGH
Urban District Council.

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1909,

—BY—

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To the Chairman and Members of the Greasbrough Urban District Council.



GENTLEMEN,

Once again I am permitted to give you my Annual Report on the Health and Requirements of your District for the year 1909.

Taken as a whole I believe the district is a healthy one ; it is many years since there was an Epidemic of a serious character, due to any defective Sanitary conditions, and although I should hesitate to say the district is perfect, yet there are many facts in this Report I consider satisfactory, and some that are not so ; nevertheless the few things one would like to see improved, are not within the power of your Officers to materially alter, and certainly are not due to any lack of oversight or suggestion on their part.

The Birth-rate for 1909 was much below the average for the past 10 years, but that is only in keeping with the falling Birth-rate throughout the kingdom ; the reasons for which are supposed to be many and differ widely ; so far as I know no one has ventured to give any advice to remedy that which will undoubtedly eventually prove to be a grave matter for the future of England.

The Death-rate is also much higher than that of the 10 years' average, in fact, it is one of the highest I have recorded

for many years. At first sight one would say, here is something to try to remedy, but the Death Table, No. IV., gives a very little help, as by a careful study you all see that with a very few exceptions none of the recorded deaths were due to preventible disease. Last year there was not a single death from Infectious Disease, and this year there has only been one, and that from Scarlet Fever.

Diseases of the Respiratory Organs were responsible for 11 deaths. Cancer seems to be generally on the increase, no less than 4 deaths were registered in your district. Consumption and other Tuberculous Affections are responsible for only 4 deaths, this is a considerable decrease on previous years. Heart Disease was certified as being the cause of the deaths of 7 persons.

Next I take the Infant Mortality. From the Table V. you will see that 5 out of the total 11 deaths were of children under one month of age, and 3 of these 5 only lived a few hours. 6 died from Convulsions, and the others from General Causes.

The Infantile Death-rate of 113 per 1000 Births is very low.

I regret to report that during last year Infectious Disease shewed itself every month except March, April and August. Diphtheria appeared in a family, and speedily 5 were attacked; they were promptly removed to the Hospital, when they all recovered; these were the only cases of Diphtheria which occurred during the year. In September and each month to December we had Scarlet Fever; altogether during the year

28 cases reported to me, and 17 sent to the Hospital. Only 1 case of Typhoid was reported, but the case was an exceptionally mild one.

The Dairy and Cow-sheds have had a good deal of attention during the year; some are being reconstructed, and others will be altered as opportunity offers, but as the majority belong to one landlord, it is impossible to get the necessary alterations done as quickly as one would like; however, they are in hand, and will be finished eventually. The Cows have been regularly examined, and instructions (printed) have been given to the owners, respecting the cleanliness required not only from the milkers, but also as to the storing of milk, the Sanitary Condition of the Sheds, and that the udders of the Cows should be frequently cleansed.

The Factory and Workshop Act has also received attention, several visits have been paid to each, but as they are all kept strictly in accordance with the Public Health Act, no action has been requisite.

Under the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations I have received 2 notifications from the Parochial Medical Officer, one of these cases has since died. As the number of deaths from Phthisis during the year is so small, I do not think it necessary to suggest or advise you to adopt any particular remedial measures.

The same remarks apply to the Infant Life Protection Act. With only 11 deaths of Infants under 1 year of age, that small number does not justify the large expenditure which

must necessarily be spent if any special Health Visitor should be appointed.

The Parish has been regularly visited and inspected at stated intervals, and my services are always at the command of The Sanitary and Assistant Sanitary Inspector whenever occasion requires.

As in previous years, I ask you to continue the work of—

- (1) Gradually substituting W.C.'s for Earth Closets.
- (2) Compelling Owners to Asphalt Backyards.
- (3) Closing Shallow Wells.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births.

Ninety-seven Births were registered in the district, and on an estimated Population of 3200, it gives a Birth-rate of 30·3 per 1000.

Deaths.

Fifty Deaths were registered, and six others occurring in Institutions “outside the district.” These give a Death-rate of 17·5 per 1000, which is the highest rate I have had to record for more than 10 years.

Infantile Mortality.

This Death-rate is never a very high one in your district. During the past year 11 children under 1 year of age have died. These give a Death-rate per 1000 Births as 113, which is extremely low.

Causes of Death.

Pneumonia	..	...	..	8
Bronchitis ...	..	..	...	3
Heart Disease	..	...	...	7
Cancer	...	...	...	4
Phthisis	..	...	...	3
Scarlet Fever	..	...	...	1

Infectious Disease.

Only one Death was registered during the year, and that due to Scarlet Fever.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

Scarlet Fever	...	28	Removed to Hospital...	17
Erysipelas	...	6	„ „ ..	0
Diphtheria	...	5	„ „ ...	5
Enteric Fever	..	1	„ „ ..	0

As I have so many times stated, I consider the retention of the Notification of Erysipelas serves no useful purpose, and I again suggest its removal from the list of Notifiable Diseases.

I have to acknowledge the assistance I have received from the Clerk, the Sanitary Inspector, and the Assistant Sanitary Inspector during the year.

Tables I., II., III., IV., V. and County Council C. are attached.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

JNO. F CHEESEWRIGHT,

Medical Officer of Health.

TABLE I.

Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1909 and previous Years.

Year.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	BIRTHS.		Total Deaths Registered in the District				Total Deaths in Public Institutions in the District.	Deaths of Non-Residents registered in Public Institutions in the District.	Deaths of Residents registered in Public Institutions beyond the District.	Net Deaths at all Ages belongi'g to the District.	
		No.	Rate.	Under 1 year of age		At all Ages.					No.	Rate
				No.	Rate per 1000 Births registered.	No.	Rate					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1901	3131	100	31.3	15		45	14					
1902	3168	127	40	24		54	17					
1903	3168	104	32.8	15		45	14.2					
1904	3168	90	28.4	12		39	12.3					
1905	3187	102	32	16		55	17.2					
1906	3187	103	32.9	7		38	11.9					
1907	3170	94	29.6	10		40	12.6					
1908	3187	110	34.5	10		43	13.4			3	46	
Averages for years 1901-1908.	3170	103.7	32.6	13.6		44.8	14					
1909	3200	97	30.3	11	113	50	17.5			6	56	

At Census of 1901—

Area of District in acres
(exclusive of area
covered by water). } 2270.

Total population at all ages, 3131.
Number of inhabited houses, 652.
Average number of persons per house, 4.8.

TABLE III.

Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the Year 1909.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	CASES NOTIFIED IN WHOLE DISTRICT						NUMBER OF CASES REMOVED TO HOSPITAL FROM EACH LOCALITY.							
	At all Ages.	At Ages—Years.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Total cases removed to Hospital.
		Under 1	1 to 5	5 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 65								
Small Pox ...														
Cholera ...														
Diphtheria (including Membranous Group)...	5	...	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Erysipelas ...	6	1	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever ...	28	1	5	21	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Typhus Fever ...														
Enteric Fever ...	1	...	.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Relapsing Fever...														
Continued Fever ...														
Puerperal Fever ..														
Plague ...														
Totals ...	40	2	7	25	1	4								22

Isolation Hospital—Name and Situation—Wath and North Rotherham Joint Infectious Hospital.
 Total available Beds, 52. Number of Diseases that can be concurrently treated, 3.

TABLE IV.

Causes of, and Ages at Death, during Year 1909.

Causes of Death.	Deaths at the subjoined ages of "Residents" whether occurring in or beyond the District.							Deaths at all ages of "Residents" belonging to localities whether occurring in or beyond the District.							Total Deaths whether of "Residents" or "Non Residents" in Public Institutions in the District.
	All Ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65	65 and upwards.	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Small Pox															
Measles															
Scarlet Fever.....	1	..	1	..	..	..	..								
Whooping Cough.....															
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup)															
Croup															
Fever { Typhus															
Enteric															
Other continued..															
Epidemic Influenza.....															
Cholera															
Plague															
Diarrhœa															
Enteritis	1	1	..	..	..	..	..								
Puerperal Fever															
Erysipelas															
Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis	3	..	..	1	..	1	1								1
Other Tuberculous Disea's	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Cancer, malignant disease	4	..	..	..	..	4	..								
Bronchitis	3	..	..	..	..	..	3								
Pneumonia	8	2	2	..	..	3	1								
Pleurisy	..	..	..	..	..	..	..								
Other diseases of Respi- ratory Organs.....															
Alcoholism)															
Cirrrosis of Liver)															
Venereal Diseases															
Premature Birth															
Diseases and Accidents of Parturition															
Heart Diseases.....	7	..	..	1	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Accidents	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Suicides	3	..	..	..	1	2									
All other causes	19	8	1	..	..	4	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
All causes...	50	11	4	2	1	18	14								6

TABLE V.—Infantile Mortality during the Year 1909.

Deaths from stated Causes in Weeks and Months under One Year of Age.

CAUSE OF DEATH.		Under 1 Week	1-2 Weeks	2-3 Weeks	3-4 Weeks	Total under 1 Month	1-2 Months	2-3 Months	3-4 Months	4-5 Months	5-6 Months	6-7 Months	7-8 Months	8-9 Months	9-10 Months	10-11 Months	11-12 Months	Total Deaths under 1 year.
ALL CAUSES	{ Certified Uncertified	3	1	..	1	5	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	11
I.—Common Infecti's Diseases :																		
Small Pox																		
Chicken Pox																		
Measles																		
Scarlet Fever																		
Diphtheria: Croup																		
Whooping Cough																		
II.—Diarrhœal Diseases :																		
Diarrhœa, all forms																		
Enteritis, Muco-enteritis, Gastro-enteritis								1										1
Gastritis, Gastro-intestinal Catarrh																		
III.—Wasting Diseases :																		
Premature Birth																		
Congenital Defects			1			1												1
Injury at Birth																		
Want of Breast Milk, Starvation Atrophy, Debility, Marasmus ..																		
IV.—Tuberculous Diseases :																		
Tuberculous Meningitis																		
Tuberculous Peritonitis : Tabes Mesenterica																		
Other Tuberculous Diseases																		
V.—Other Causes :																		
Erysipelas																		
Syphilis																		
Rickets																		
Meningitis																		
Convulsions		3	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	6
Bronchitis																		
Laryngitis																		
Pneumonia															1	1	..	2
Suffocation, over-lying																		
Other Causes														1	..	..	..	1
		3	1	..	1	5	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	11

Population estimated to middle of 1909 3200.

Births in the year—Legitimate, 95; Illegitimate, 2.

Deaths in the year—Legitimate Infants, 11; Illegitimate Infants, 0.

Deaths from all Causes at all Ages, 50.

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SIR,

The past year so far as relating to the above Act, has been an uneventful one, no new Factory or Workshop having been erected.

At the present time there are 6 Factories and 11 Workshops in the district.

They are the same in number as in the previous year, and although they have been inspected on several occasions by the Sanitary Inspector and myself, nothing has been found to exist contrary to the Regulations.

There has been only Two Out-workers' Lists sent, each containing one name, that of a Contractor living in Sheffield, and his name and address has been duly forwarded to Sheffield City Council.

I have not had occasion to take any action under the Public Health Acts against either Factory or Workshop, as the cleanliness and ventilation in all has been good, and no over-crowding, wet floors, or any other nuisance has been brought to my notice.

With respect to the Workshops, they are all wooden structures used entirely in the day time, and then only by one person; in the majority of cases these Workshops are in close proximity to the owner's dwelling, so that the question of sanitary conveniences does not arise.

I enclose the Year's Statistical Return.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JNO. F. CHEESEWRIGHT.

